

Discussion Guide for Crimson Silence: Part 2

1. Read 1 Peter 2:19–25 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: When we are doing good for God, unjust men will often attack us with threats and insults. Jesus demonstrates for us how to control your mouth and endure with grace.

The Pledge of Endurance

I will ensure that I am doing good for God.
I will control my mouth as I meet opposition.
I will trust in God's justice for the outcome.

Proverbs 10:19 "When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent."

Proverbs 15:28 "The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things."

Proverbs 17:27 "Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding."

What is the wise strategy for use of the mouth?

Why is it prudent or wise to be "quick to hear but slow to speak"?

How is "a cool spirit" connected to restraint of the mouth?

Proverbs 18:6 & 21 "A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating...²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue'

What are the warnings about the mouth?

How have you seen this proverb prove true?

What are the broader reasons for tongue control in 18:6-21?

Proverbs 18:6–13 **"A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating. ⁷ A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul. ⁸ The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. ⁹ Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys. ¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. ¹¹ A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination. ¹² Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. ¹³ If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame. ¹⁴ A man's spirit will endure sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear? ¹⁵ An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. ¹⁶ A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before the great. ¹⁷ The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him. ¹⁸ The lot puts an end to quarrels and decides between powerful contenders. ¹⁹ A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle. ²⁰ From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. ²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."**

How is "life in the power of the tongue"?

Read Ephesians 4:29–31

What are the life giving intentions for our mouths in this passage?

How could a failure to employ the tongue control principles of Proverbs derail our efforts to build up?

Colossians 4:2–6

What are the life giving intentions for our mouths in this passage?

How could a failure to employ the tongue control principles of Proverbs derail our efforts to evangelize?